DOCUMENT RESUME

ED 410 482 CG 027 932

AUTHOR	Warsh, Robin; Pine, Barbara A.; Maluccio, Anthony N.
TITLE	Reconnecting Families: A Guide To Strengthening Family Reunification Services.
INSTITUTION	Child Welfare League of America, Inc., Washington, DC.
ISBN	ISBN-0-87868-574-X
PUB DATE	1996-00-00
NOTE	272p.
AVAILABLE FROM	Child Welfare League of America, Inc., 440 First St., N.W., Suite 310, Washington, DC 20001-2085 (Stock No. 574-0, $26.95).
PUB TYPE	Books (010) -- Guides - Non-Classroom (055) -- Tests/Questionnaires (160)
EDRS PRICE	Document Not Available from EDRS.
DESCRIPTORS	Adolescents; *Child Custody; *Child Welfare; Children; Delivery Systems; Elementary Secondary Education; *Family Needs; Family Problems; Foster Care; *Parent Child Relationship; Social Agencies; Social Services; Social Workers
IDENTIFIERS	*Family Reunification; Family Support

ABSTRACT

Whether or not to reunite children in out-of-home care with their families of origin is one of the more complicated decisions that child welfare practitioners and administrators face. Ways in which agencies can assess and improve their service delivery system so as to reunite children and their families effectively and promptly are covered in this guide. It contains information that professionals can use to assess their agency's policies, programs, practices, resources, and relationships with other parts of the service delivery system. The guide is divided into seven parts. An overview of family reunification is covered in part 1 and includes a set of principles or beliefs about practice and policy. Part 2 contains step-by-step instructions, materials, and helpful tips for carrying out family reunification. Part 3 provides a framework for assessing strengths and needs and contains family reunification system components. Numerous resources are also provided. Part 4 consists of an annotated bibliography; part 5 offers selected guidelines and forms to help conduct self-assessment; part 6 contains a selected bibliography on family reunification after foster care; and part 7 reproduces the forms needed to complete the family reunification project. (RJM)

****
* Reproductions supplied by EDRS are the best that can be made *
* from the original document. *
****